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Dale, Williams Named Honor Men



Montgomery Bell Academy takes pleasure in announcing as its honor men for the year 1953, James Dale, Valedictorian, and John Williams, Salutatorian.

Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dale, Hampton Ave. He attended Isaac Lottin High School in the ninth grade, at which time he had an average of 94. Since coming to MBA he has maintained his high scholastic standing, having an average of 95.88 for the four years of high school. Dale is a member of the Senior Honor Society, President of the Key Club, Vice-President of the H-Y Club and has been a member of the Honor Council, the Student Council, and holds the office of secretary of the senior class. He is editor of the Annual, is a member of the varsity basketball team and has been manager of the varsity football squad. In the summer of '52 he was governor of Boys' State and was the representative for Tennessee to Boys' Nation in Washington.

Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Williams, Hood Hill Road. He has had an over all average of 96.2 for his four years at MBA. He is a member of the Senior Honor Society, the H-Y Club, is feature editor of the school paper and also feature editor of the school Annual. He is a member of the varsity tennis team. Williams also attended Boys' State and was Commissioner of Education. Both of these boys plan to enter Vanderbilt University this fall.

19 Boys Elected To Honor Society

The TOTEMUS CHAPTER of the NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY announces the following new members at Montgomery Bell Academy:

Junior Honor Society

Ernest Dwyer, Carl Hoffer, William Lightfoot, George Sloan

Senior Honor Society

William Bambridge, Sewell Branson, Robert Colton, Benjamin Chaffant, David Herbert, Robert Holmboe, Robert Lightfoot, William Pfeiffer, Carlin Rolfe, Richard Seales, Robert Seales, John Sloan, Edwin Voss, Larry White, Steve Wood
Requirements for membership in the Junior Society are an average of 85 with no class below 10, for the 7th grade and the first semester of the 8th grade; for the Senior Society the same requirements for the first two and a half years of high school.

Sophomores Select Elizabeth Smith As Representative



It is with a great pride and joy that the Sophomore Class of Montgomery Bell Academy announces its sponsor for 1953.

She is Miss Elizabeth Smith. Elizabeth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion G. Smith on Cornwall Avenue. She attends Harpeth Hall Girl's Preparatory School. There she is a member of the Eccewasis Club, the Latin, French, and Speech Clubs. She is also a member of the S.A.P. Club. Miss Smith is 15 years old, has brown eyes and brown hair. She is very popular not only among the girls, but also among the boys.

Anne Mashburn Elected Junior Representative



Pretty Anne Mashburn was recently elected the Junior Sponsor. Anne is seventeen years old and a student at Harpeth Hall, where she holds the office of secretary of the Junior Class. She is a member of the Arcton Club and also sings in the Glee Club there. Anne is a member of the Kappa Delta Theta Society and she is active in her society work. She is an active member of the Church of the Advent.

Anne has taken plans for the past nine years and she is a very talented pianist.

The Junior Class of MBA would like to extend congratulations to Anne Mashburn and we know that she is proud of being elected the Junior Representative.

The Roving Reporter Asks:

How can assembly programs be improved?

Ans. 1—"Let the students have a more active part by giving them a certain day in which to conduct assembly programs."

Ans. 2—"To have a variety we should have some of the professional talent that could be procured for us. We could also have movies and some interesting and different talks by well-known citizens of our city. One teacher said the study hall could not be made dark enough for movies, but I think if there was a great enough desire there could be a very devised."

What do you think about making the state into a Senior recreation room?

Ans. 1—"If it could be fixed up suitably for not too great amount of money, I am in favor of it."

Ans. 2—"One junior says 'Even though I would not be able to enjoy it, I would be more than happy to contribute some of my time and money to see it become a reality.'"

How could we raise the money for such a project?

Ans. 1—"One way would be to get everyone in the high school to contribute as much per person and consider it as the senior class project for the next four years. Another way would be to have a big Key Club 'Bell Hop' and also the money which we will receive from that night."

Ans. 2—"Some of the expense could be cut down if part of the work was done by the students instead of by professional men."

Future Maroons

The following boys have signed up since we went to press for the last issue:

From Farmer:

Tommy Barakdale, Enquirer Avenue 9th
Dandridge Caldwell, Farmer Avenue 7th
Ronald Grubbs, Broadway Rd. 9th
Max Hawkins, 944 Fairfax Ave. 9th
Miller Turner, Bell Meade Blvd. 7th

From Woodman:

Don Brothers, Woodman Dr. 9th
Otis Clechore, 2600 Eales Rd. 9th
Robins Lodge, Forest Park Ave. 9th
Trey Russell, Abbott-Martin Road 9th

From Robertson Academy:

Gay McCollan, Glen Leven Drive 7th
Tom Stephens, 229 Gale Lane 7th
Dickie Brush, 1148 Brookwood Lane 7th
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Will Someone Please Tell Me:

(by the ones who don't know)

1. Why John Sloan always falls off his horse.
2. Who the latest "bar-bell boys" are.
3. How Ridley Roth is getting along with his "women".
4. Why "Hairy" Lane is complaining about a 99.15 average in American History.
5. When there will ever be a better offensive line than Chas. Brooks, Andy Coker, "Bruno" Paget, "Long John" Britton, "Two-ton, teutonic, rootie-tootie" Heather, John Whaley, and Sam Hunt.
6. How "Harpo" Roberts gets out of fourth period class four times a week to work (?) in the lunchroom.
7. Why Penny Nolan tore a few pages out of his art book.
8. What kind of little animals "Wumba" (I Came from Zulu-land) Pyle raises.

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CLASS NEWS

Grade School News

Wade Elam, an eighth grader, was Boy Scout Governor of Tennessee. Wade lives in Hixsonwood and is 13 years old. During his governorship he sat in the governor's chair and signed papers. (How about that secretary he spoke of?) Wade is an Eagle Scout and wears 24 merit badges.

At gym period we have been playing volleyball. Ten Husband hurt his leg when he leaped into the air and landed on Jimmy Burke.

While Mrs. Dixon is in New York Mrs. Owen is teaching the 7th grade. The new thing in the 7th grade is ink fighting. Mrs. Owen put a stop to that. Saturday we will see Roger Peck, John Franklin, and John Caldwell in demerit study hall.

Carl Heffer, Bill Lightfoot, George Sloan, and Emmett Douer are new members to the Junior House Society.

The boys on the privilege list for this 4 weeks are: Robert White, David Wallace, and Tony Edwards in the 7th grade; and Carl Heffer, Wade Elam, George Sloan, Josh Taylor, Lord Smith, Bill Lightfoot, and Emmett Douer in the 8th grade.

Some of the nicknames of the boys in grade school are: Humpy, Little Don, Poosh, Toad, Chip, Squint, Bushman, Tuffy, Willie Laine, Tex, Brandywine, Teal Toek.

Nick Varallo's Barbecue

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Freshmen News

Congratulations to the Junior varsity on being runners-up in the district tournament. They really made a fine showing.

Latin projects were recently turned in. As Mrs. Sims says, "It looks like Christmas." Many maps were drawn and quite a few switch towers were made, but they were all very good.

"Rock E. O." returns from Florida, blacker than ever, selling wild tales to thrill all. "Love's green ticket" for reckless flying.

"Dude" gives 2 for breathing. . . have suddenly become popular at school as Junior Club is formed.

. . . Lee amazes one and all with his terrific power serve in volleyball. . . General Science class turns into boxing arena as brawl takes place outside window.

"Fish" seen wandering through class selling popcorn and peanuts. . . A few of the boys around school must be trying to irritate the headmaster by the nature of their haircuts.

Sophomore News

Bill, the artist, Fennell has been giving 6th period Latin striking pictures of Caesar. Another artist Penny Nolan has portraits for other teacher's black-boards.

Colleen Coleman goes in business with all neighboring filling stations. Boys all of their used oil and grease for hair. . . Cummins discovers allergy to school.

Goss to Washington, D. C. (Why couldn't he write his congressman?) . . . Question of the month—Why are so many people absent on Wednesday? Public Speaking, maybe—With Stunt Night approaching, Dr. Sage has conference with Chuck for lighting details—I wonder why Brooks and Butler couldn't go to the library for a month—Has anybody got wind of the stunt? I

heard the Sophomores were going to act and their stunt was good enough, by itself, to get your money's worth. . . Countless other items, pertaining to Latin of course, have been seen on Mrs. Sims' blackboard—if any other classes wish to put on an air show for stunt night, get in touch with Lily or call L-A-P 8-8141. Mr. Younger tells class he will give spelling tests. G. Beschi quits school—Although the Sophomore class got a 100% to give to the Red Cross all credit goes to the Junior School, who not only gave 100% but turned in the best individual contributions.

Junior News

Bill Bainbridge being approached for possible role in the Lost Weekend. Anderson well on his way to Spanish medal. He has "terrid" "21" on six weeks out. Bobby Lindeberger seen chasing parker? Joe Hart has wreck. . . Everyone admires Craig's beautiful new tennis sweater but everyone wonders when postage stamp company starting making tennis letters. Seathair gets new Ford convertible and it's got Fordomatic. Have the Junior boys gone crazy over sophomore girls? It seems Johnny Craig (Lion Loren), Ducky Anderson, (Liz Smith), Carlin Hilde (Anne Marcano), Steve Wood (Nancy Bowser) have. The Junior skit is well on its way with the help of Brandon, Callon, Mrs. Sims and several others. The potential stars are Steve Wood, Bob and Dick Seales, Bobby Lindeberger, John Sloan, John Craig, Duke Kennedy, Wade Lipscomb, Jim Harnell, John Hawkswell, Bert Chaffin, Jimmy Armstrong and others.

Senior News

Dinner of the week: Robert's secret door. Screen door is shredded as Robert backs up. Race of the year: Brown vs. Bright in faster-than-sound battle. Bright rated as slight favorite due to his 13.3 radio horn and his dual license plates. Secret of the week: Thorpe is secretly married. Good news of the week: Overcrowded bus situation finds relief as Regan misplaces shoes.

Services begin Friday's English assignment: Memorize Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. Duncan brings peanut butter sandwiches to school for lunch. Thomas drives to Martinsboro to watch Globe Trotters. Thomas joins Globe Trotters. Jones joins Roller Derby. Williams runs week of school. Parents find Williams in "Butcher" talking to Rutledge. Several Seniors send off box tops and nickels for new tennis rackets. Duncan brings peanut butter sandwiches to school for lunch. Physics lab classes readily agree that all would bank without Brown's unfailing assistance. Chaffin complains of seeing double.

Duncan learns he is allergic to peanut butter. Duncan brings peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to school for lunch. Kirkpatrick, Lane, Wilson stage mock girls' chorus line for variety show. Kirkpatrick, Lane, Wilson tried up for six weeks. Crodle Roll Club serves and is none with Bright's resignation.

Beta Club votes to hold summer convention at Daytona Beach, M.B.A. Senior class votes to hold summer class meeting at Daytona Beach. Golf team grinds into condition. Temple perfects rectangle golf ball. Duke perfects motorcycle engine. Marcano opens baseball season with perfect record. Bennett reveals girl of his dreams: Marietta-vonshicker Betts-montinkuffer. Duke's English average sinks to 105. Crockett unveils occasional new inven-

tion that enables people to see through any wall. Crockett calls his new invention a "window". Kennedy publishes new song, "Even Now If I were a King I'd Ask How You Heard How Much Is That Duggie In The Window Night And Day".

Moore is reported suffering from shock as a result of being caught in a mouse trap. Buford loses his key between main building and gymnasium. Buford discovered four days later on Hampton Avenue. Jones becomes involved in an argument with Mrs. Ribber over the question, "How is a skylark like a sewing machine?" Blesing popcorn takes over as Courtney shows movies in Spanish class. Senior class to demand new rings as Anne Kirkpatrick's finger turns green. Author runs out of paper. Author run out of town.

No Tears for "Joe"

Joseph Stalin was born of very humble surroundings in 1879. His father, a drunken shoemaker, died when the boy was eleven. A devout Christian, his mother wanted her son to study to be a priest. At fifteen Stalin was graduated from a parochial school and then entered a theological seminary.

At the age of nineteen, while still a student of the seminary, Stalin cut aside his religion by joining the Russian Social-Democratic party. Secretly he worked as a revolutionist against the Czar's government. Because of helping to organize a street demonstration, he was exiled in Siberia for three years.

When the Russian Social-Democratic party split into two factions in 1903, Stalin stuck with Lenin, who headed the Bolshevik faction. As a revolutionist he chose the name of Stalin which means "Man of Steel".

A civil war broke out between the two factions, and the Communist party was formed out of the winning side. Stalin constantly rose in power from the party beginning to where he was ruler of one-sixth of the earth.

During his lifetime he was guilty of murder, robbery, and certainly others. How could a man who was so closely in contact with the Christian religion become such a ruthless and merciless individual? He ruled by complete fear. In Russia if a person should cross Stalin, he became just another mysteriously lost human.

Certainly no tears should be shed for such a ruthless person.

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Bottom of the Afternoon



By Blue La Rue

Academy thrills to bloody battle as Thomas, Dickerson vie for world heavy-weight crown; Dickerson suffers dirty arm and Thomas complains of un-groomed hair. . . . Beta Club to hold next meeting at MBA for convenience. . . . local hospitals over-crowded with shock patients as newly initiated freshmen roam streets. . . . Mrs. Sneed becomes millionaire as parking meters are installed in Sneed Estates. . . . Dr. Willie threatens 25 demerits for anyone seen tearing up desks. . . . MBA boys throng local theater to see color movie of Niagara Falls. . . . it seems that Noel Hotel was rather popular with the boys from the academy lately. . . . Rumor is around that Martin (alias Nashville Blackie) is giving "Goose" Tatum lessons on deceptive ball handling. . . . Gym classes take up baseball as "Leo" Rolfe and "Babe" Bainbridge star. . . . Mrs. Campbell gives Sutton five demerits as Bennett disturbs library.



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Maroon Highlights

It seems as though spring is here and that every Maroon is raring to dig into the spring sports schedule.

The baseball team already has several of its applicants pitching the ball around to get in shape. The team has several returning lettermen and should have a good club this spring. Those who are returning are Kirkpatrick, Moon, Martin, Buford, Brooks, and Brown. The pitching ranks were weakened by graduation but several boys seem ready to step into the slot.

The golf team, last year's Nashville Interscholastic League champions, are favoured to repeat as the class of the league. The golfers from last year's team are Temple, Calton, Goar, and Chalfant.

Expected to cop the city tennis title this year are the Maroons, who have done it for nine straight times. With returning lettermen Thorpe, Roberts, Williams, Litkenhous, Cooney, Anderson, Craig, Smith, Brothers, Waugh, and Peiffer, Thorpe was the Nashville Interscholastic League champion last year. The Maroons should be strong this year.

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Back Row: Jack Williams, Eddie Litkenhous, Capt. John Thorpe, Martin Roberts, Hayes Cooney

MAROONS TROUNCE LIPSCOMB

In a hard fought ball game at M. B. A. the Maroons nailed down a fourth seeded slot in the 18th district race by romping Lipscomb to the tune of 73-53. This enabled the Maroons to end the regular season with a 9-5 league mark. The first quarter was a closely fought contest but from there on out the rout was on. The Big Red led 28-23 at the halfway mark. The Red team outscored the Bisons 45-30 in the last half to win going away. John Thorpe crammed in 20 points, Bert Chalfant 13 and Carlin Rolfe 13 to lead the Maroon scoring. Jimmy Dale and Palmer Temple flipped in 9 apiece to help the cause.

The box totals are as follows:

Chalfant	13
Thorpe	20
Rolfe	13
Dale	9
Temple	9
Anderson	2
Calton	2
Buford	2
Martin	2
Jones	1
Total	73

M.B.A. J.V. TIPS COHN

M. B. A. captured a hard fought 42-38 decision over Cohn at the North gym. Cohn grabbed an early one point lead at the end of the opening period. However the Maroon Bees with Whit Watson leading the way, battled back and were in front by one point at the half 20-19. The J.V.'s increased the margin at the end of the third quarter to 5 points and were never behind for the remainder of the game. Watson tossed in 16 points while Tommy Frist helped the cause with 12. This win put the Maroon Bees in the finals of the N.I.L. B team tournament against East.

Scoring:

Watson	16
Frist	12
Herbert	2
Rolfe	6
Brothers	4
Hurt	2
Total	42

Someone deserves many thanks, for it is rumored the tennis courts will have some new rubico this spring.

Ed Litkenhous

EAST TOPS M.B.A. BEES

The East High B team scored a 66-43 victory over the Maroon J. V. to cop the interscholastic B team tournament at North High. The Cooties jumped to a quick 15-7 first period advantage but saw the lead whittled at half time to 24-24. East poured on the heat in the third quarter to take a neat 45-30 advantage and were never to be headed again. Leading the Maroon attack was Whit Watson with 17 points. Brothers added 11 to the Maroon cause. Whit was named to the All-Tournament team and was the tournament's leading scorer with 72 points.

Scoring:

Watson	17
Frist	6
Herbert	2
Hurt	3
Brothers	11
P. Williams	2
T. Williams	2
Total	43

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Personalities of the Month



Billy Bright

One of our outstanding new members of the student body is Billy Bright. Billy came to us this year from Duncan when it closed. But in such a short time Billy has already established a fine record with us. He was a member of the Junior and Senior Honor Society at Duncan and he has been making the privilege list on and off all year. Bill attended Duncan for 3 years and is finishing his senior year with us. He has joined our H-Y Club, and made the Monogram Club in Varsity Football. He also played varsity ball at Duncan his junior year.

Billy is a member of the Kappa Phi fraternity and was elected to the honor council here this year. Billy held the office of Sgt. at Arms in his junior year at Duncan. He will attend Vanderbilt next year.

Likes—Physics
Dislikes—English



Watt Crockett

Watt Crockett is one of our most dependable and active members of the senior class.

Watt has been at M.B.A. right from his freshman year. His grades have been in the top bracket all along and he is a member of the Senior Honor Society. Last year he received the Spanish medal.

Watt belongs to a number of organizations. He now serves as Treasurer of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and the M.B.A. Key Club. He belongs to the H-Y Club which was formed this year and vice-president of the Student Council.

Watt's most important job at school is being editor-in-chief of our school paper. Having only worked on the paper last year it is quite a job—one well done I might add.

Next year Watt will attend Vanderbilt where he will study business administration.

Likes—Math
Dislikes—all other subjects

"Girl of the Month"



Nancy Hendden

This is the second in the series of the "Girl of the Month" articles and the members of the paper staff have selected Miss Nancy Hendden. Nancy is a sophomore at Hillsboro where she holds the office of secretary of her class. Her freshman year she pledged Lambda Theta and ever since has been very active in this group. Besides being a leader in her school and sorority she is also interested in the young peoples' activities at Trinity Presbyterian Church where she sings in the choir. Also, aside from those, she is one of the Hillsboro girls finest basketball players. She averaged better than thirteen points per game and scored almost three hundred points.

We hope that you will form the habit of reading this article in the coming editions.

Literary Gems of the Century

(Contributed by the Senior Class)

1. Related to Harry Truman's administration
2. Slow as a bus when you are in a hurry
3. Nervous as a coach at a close football game
4. Proud as a Mother Robin when her offspring completes its first flight
5. Shaking like the founder of an ancient model T when the motor's left running
6. Dependable as the water flowing over Niagara Falls
7. As dependable as tests on days we haven't studied—Duke
8. As busy as a boy with three letters to get in one study hall—Jack Williams
9. Busy as a doctor in a plague—B. Courtenay
10. Stinky as M.B.A.'s desks—J. Dale
11. Hungry enough to eat the contents of the witches' pot in Macbeth—J. Dale
12. Nervous as a senior before English exam—J. Dale
13. Busy as a running contester—S. Duncan
14. A complexion like rough sandpaper—A. Bennett

FUTURE MAROONS
(Continued from Page 3)

- From Overbrook:**
Walter Bearden, Westview Avenue 9th
- From Hanson:**
Frank Crowell, 3411 Byron Avenue 7th
- From Julia Green:**
Ray Iverett, 221 Walnut Dr., 7th
- From Webb:**
Ted Duncan, Sunnyside Dr., 11th
- From B.O.A.:**
Jimmy Blevins, 1399 Hillsboro Road 8th
- From Stokes:**
Woody Bailey, 1718 Green Hills Drive 9th
- Bill Daniel, Woodmont Terrace, Apt. 4 9th
- This gives us a waiting list in the 7th grade and also in the 9th. We will be looking forward to having all of these boys with us next year and to having a good school year!

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